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1. The monthly food ration in the Soviet Navy, as of March 1952, was as follows:

a. Bread.....	30.	kg
b. Meal.....	2.4	kg
c. Meat.....	1.5	kg
d. Fish.....	2.4	kg
e. Lard.....	0.9	kg
f. Sugar.....	0.6	kg
g. Potatoes.....	12.	kg
h. Vegetables.....	6.	kg
i. Tea.....	0.03	kg
j. Various dried fruits.....	0.5	kg
k. Spices.....	very little	

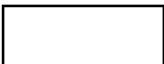
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- 1. Enriched flour (podbolotochnaya muka) very little
- m. Potato flour..... very little
- n. Makhorka (tobacco)..... 4 packages
- o. Soap.....

2. The crews were dissatisfied with the food. Some cooks and mess personnel were capable, while many were not. The predominance of black bread in the diet was particularly unpleasant; white bread was rare. Only pearl-barley and millet meal were available, and no butter was served, only sunflower oil. [redacted] however, that the navy mess was superior to the army mess, even though rations did not vary when [redacted] at sea or in port. In the Soviet Merchant Marine, however, rations were issued only while at sea; when in port the crews had to provide for themselves.

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3. For the most part, Soviet naval vessels were equipped with ice boxes. This necessitated a supply of ice directly to the ships. Naval ice boxes were capable of meeting refrigeration demands for a period of approximately two weeks before resupply was necessary. The system was most unsatisfactory, and as a result the crews were often discontented with the condition of the food. New, modern refrigerators were rare in the Soviet Navy.

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